

**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF  
CHILD & ADOLESCENT  
PSYCHIATRY**

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**CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY (CAP) MENTOR SEARCH INFORMATION**

Need assistance finding a mentor? Please consider the suggestions below.

**CONTACT CAP PROGRAM DIRECTORS IN THE LOCATION OF INTEREST FOR MEDICAL STUDENT MENTOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) list of all trainee programs in the child and adolescent psychiatry specialty. The email contact information for program directors in the location of interest can be found (by selecting the *child and adolescent psychiatry* specialty) [here](#). Summary information about the program sites by state can be found [here](#). You may contact the program director or program staff via email to request recommendations.

**CONTACT THE PRESIDENT OF THE REGIONAL CAP ORGANIZATION IN THE STATE OF INTEREST**

The list of AACAP regional organizations can be found on the AACAP site at:

[http://www.aacap.org/aacap/Regional\\_Organizations/Home.aspx](http://www.aacap.org/aacap/Regional_Organizations/Home.aspx)

AACAP can provide the contact information for the President of the regional CAP council of interest, whom you may contact for recommendations.

**CONTACT FORMER AWARDEE MENTORS/ VIEW PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS AND PROJECT TITLES**

Complete a search for mentors who have previously participated in the program, view former award recipient information or identify AACAP members to contact who may be in a specialty area or topic of interest using the following platforms:

- AACAP honors books lists the recipients for all AACAP awards online, as far back as 2004 to current. View the name of the awardee, project titles and the names of the mentors at [https://www.aacap.org/aacap/Awards/Honors\\_Books.aspx](https://www.aacap.org/aacap/Awards/Honors_Books.aspx).
- There are also previous Annual Meeting (AM) program schedules online which share past educational programming offered, and allows you to become familiar with areas of interest addressed within the specialty. Schedules for the last five years are below.

2019 Program Schedule – 66<sup>th</sup> AM: <https://aacap.confex.com/aacap/2019/meetingapp.cgi/Home/0>

2018 Program Schedule – 65<sup>th</sup> AM: <https://aacap.confex.com/aacap/2018/meetingapp.cgi/Home/0>

2017 Program Schedule – 64<sup>th</sup> AM: <https://aacap.confex.com/aacap/2017/meetingapp.cgi/Home/0>

2016 Program Schedule – 63<sup>rd</sup> AM: <https://aacap.confex.com/aacap/2016/meetingapp.cgi/Home/0>

2015 Program Schedule – 62<sup>nd</sup> AM: <https://aacap.confex.com/aacap/2015/webprogram/start.html>

2014 Program Schedule – 61<sup>st</sup> AM: <https://aacap.confex.com/aacap/2014/webprogram/start.html>

2013 Program Schedule – 60<sup>th</sup> AM: <https://aacap.confex.com/aacap/2013/webprogram/start.html>

2012 Program Schedule – 59<sup>th</sup> AM: <https://aacap.confex.com/aacap/2012/webprogram/start.html>

## CONTACT THE CO-CHAIRS OF AN AACAP COMMITTEE COMPONENT

AACAP committees provide opportunities for members with expertise or an interest in a respective component to network with other members, as well as participate in initiatives specific to component, and help advance the field of child and adolescent psychiatry. Committee information can be found on the AACAP site at:

[https://www.aacap.org/aaCaP/Medical\\_Students\\_and\\_Residents/Residents\\_and\\_Fellows/Join\\_an\\_AACAP\\_Committee.aspx](https://www.aacap.org/aaCaP/Medical_Students_and_Residents/Residents_and_Fellows/Join_an_AACAP_Committee.aspx)

AACAP can provide the contact information for the co-chairs leading a specialty focused committee, for which you might have a project interest, to contact for recommendations.

## AACAP MENTORSHIP NETWORK

The AACAP Mentorship Network is a network of AACAP members committed to mentoring medical students, residents, and early career psychiatrists, and is available to all AACAP members. If you are registered as an official AACAP member, you may request a mentor online by completing the steps below.

- Sign in at [aacap.org](http://aacap.org)
- Go to the referenced mentee sign up link via the URL below.
  - [https://www.aacap.org/aacap/Medical\\_Students\\_and\\_Residents/Mentorship\\_Matters/AACAP\\_Mentorship\\_Network.aspx](https://www.aacap.org/aacap/Medical_Students_and_Residents/Mentorship_Matters/AACAP_Mentorship_Network.aspx)

## WORD OF MOUTH

Word of mouth and connections make a difference. If you have an individual in mind, please share the name as there might be an AACAP member or staff person who can facilitate an introduction that could lead to a mentorship possibility.

## Additional Non-AACAP Resources

If you are interested in applying for the *AACAP Jeanne Spurlock, MD, Research Fellowship in Substance Abuse and Addiction for Minority Medical Students*, consider the following:

### American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP)

[URL: <https://www.aaap.org/>]

- AAAP also offers FREE Membership for Medical Students.

ACGME also lists trainee programs in the addiction specialty. The email contact information for program directors in the location of interest can be found (by selecting the *addiction psychiatry* specialty) [here](#). Summary information about the program sites by state can be found [here](#). You may contact the program director or program staff via email to request recommendations.

## CUSTOMIZE SAMPLE LETTER OF INQUIRY (FOR MENTOR SEARCH)

The sample letter below may be customized to submit your inquiries for a mentor. Include a few sentences about your research interest given the award guidelines and include a copy of your CV for the individuals whom you contact to review.

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### **SAMPLE TEMPLATE TO REQUEST A MENTOR**

Dear Dr. **[Surname]**,

My name is **[Your Name]**, I am a **[first/second/ third]** year medical student at **[Institution Name]**. I'm writing because I am interested in applying for the **[Fellowship Name]**, which is offered through AACAP. This award offers 8-12 weeks of experiential learning and exposure to the specialty, completing a project under the supervision of an eligible mentor, and provides a stipend as well as travel funds for required attendance to AACAP's 67th Annual Meeting on October 19 - 24, 2020 in Seattle, WA. I am looking for a psychiatrist in or near the **[prospective location name]** to serve as my mentor on a research project that will focus on **[ add information about your research or clinical interest specific to the award guidelines]**. I am wondering if you **[would be willing to serve as my mentor / can assist with identifying possible mentors]**? The mentor for this Fellowship must be willing to work with me for approximately 12 consecutive weeks (60 working days at 8 hours per day) over the summer, on a research project. More information about the research fellowship can be found [here](#). Any recommendations of individuals who may be willing to serve in this capacity would be greatly appreciated.

I have attached a copy of my CV for your review. If you are able to assist or have further questions, please contact me.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

**[Your Name]**

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### **QUESTIONS**

Email AACAP's Research, Grants and Workforce Department (email: [training@aacap.org](mailto:training@aacap.org) / phone: 202.587.9663).